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Majority prices were mostly unchanged; trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, best for active first of the business and ads. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient, closest for smaller sizes. In the parts structure, demand was light to fair. Breast items were at least adequate, dark meat was sufficient, and wings were clearing satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 04-OCT-2004 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
Boston/New Eng	59.00-65.00	61.43	14	63.98
Chicago	58.00-61.00	61.57	41	62.68
Ohio Cities	TFEWR			64.84
Denver	82.50	82.33	15	81.47
Detroit	60.00-62.00	61.85	13	67.16
Los Angeles	83.00	80.02	64	76.66
New York	61.00-64.00	63.04	23	64.90
Philadelphia	61.50-64.00	62.83	12	62.07
Pittsburgh	62.00-64.00	63.04	12	68.15
St. Louis	60.50-60.75	60.44	22	62.49
San Francisco	83.50	81.61	35	84.89

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	10/04/04	Change/Last Wk	09/27/04	10/06/03
567	69.44	-.48	69.92	63.63

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
Eastern	64.50-66.00	65.53	33
Central	61.00-68.50	65.49	76
Western	54.00-75.00	69.60	39
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	74.00-77.00	75.47	89

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 76.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,130	58.00-78.75	75.47

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	214.00	1,443
BREASTS - B/S	166.00	5,883
BREASTS - WHOLE	90.00	1,700
THIGH MEAT - B/S	76.00	1,119
LEG QUARTERS	31.00	7,863
WINGS	108.50	3,107

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was noted as fair at best entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were sufficient for current needs with the 3 pound and smaller birds noted as in the best balance. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to available. Dark meat items were at least sufficient. Tenderloins were ample.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand following the weekend was slightly better with ads, promotions, and first of the month business boosting interest. Supplies were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were more manageable, but still available. Dark meat was adequate to close for thigh meat, and wings were moving. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was mainly steady with final majority prices unchanged from last Mondays' levels. Reported trading for this weeks' delivery at unchanged to slightly higher prices, as small sized product commanded the higher prices. Offerings were generally adequate. Buying activity was fair. Retailer demand was moderate overall. Dealers reported satisfactory week-end clearances. Trading reported on parts for this weeks' delivery: leg quarters bulk 30-32 and 4/10s 31.75-32, leg meat generally 65, thigh meat mainly 72, wing 105-111, bone- in breast 78-94 and boneless 122-140. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 58.30 up 1.13 with the volume reported down 4 percent, when compared with last weeks level, to 27 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were generally unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was cautiously steady. Offerings were sufficient for the light trade call. Retail and food service activity was mostly light to moderate; instances of fairly good demand noted by some distributors in Ohio and Michigan. Floor stocks in balance to ample with desirable weights. Parts trade was limited as current inventories remained adequate for needs. Supplies were sufficient with tenders ample, breasts long; dark meat and wings adequate. The market tone was steady on wings and dark meat; barely steady to weak on balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-cook-whole birds increased slightly and was generally noted as fair entering the week. Offerings were fully sufficient for current trade needs with higher sizes in the better balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to instances heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 63 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, tenders were readily available; other items were at least adequate for current inquiry.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	59-82
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	67.03
NO. OF BOXES	6,954

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive entering the week as dealers cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of breast items were adequate. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Tenderloins remained ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair, best for refill interest. The market tone was weak on tenderloins and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
			AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S		135	135.98	918,611
TENDERLOINS		140	147.49	136,480
BREAST - WITH RIBS	77-78		84.06	104,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	77		78.90	179,840
LEGS	43-44		37.66	336,520
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	30-31		31.27	258,915
DRUMSTICKS	29-30		28.60	186,600
THIGHS	24-25		33.66	77,000
B/S THIGHS	71-72		66.96	68,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101		104.79	172,480
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		11.94	24,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		26.58	14,560
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60		64.56	19,720

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,924	110.00-211.00	115-128	126.72
TENDERLOINS	643	123.00-209.00	140-150	148.15
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,515	20.00-29.00	23-26	25.07
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,654	27.00-30.00	-	27.46
WINGS (WHOLE)	371	90.00-108.00	106-108	106.17
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,256	17.00-42.00	20-23	20.24

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	10/04	09/30	09/30	09/27	09/23
Alabama	4,158	4,007	5.29	4,026	5.33
Arkansas	5,525	5,511	5.14	5,444	5.12
Delmarva	2,262	2,198	5.74	1,976	5.55
KY-LA-TN	1,845	2,078	5.00	2,125	5.03
Mississippi	3,090	3,071	5.47	3,036	5.44
North Carolina	2,517	2,499	6.43	2,435	6.32
Texas	2,490	2,577	5.13	3,073	5.15
Total	21,887	21,941	5.41	22,115	5.38
Mon	21,887(A)			22,115(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 04-Oct 2004 is estimated to be 32,745,000 down 1.33 percent from a week ago.

and up 5.7 percent from a year ago.

(last week 33,186,000 last year 30,968,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	670	115.00-185.00	120-127	125.96
TENDERLOINS	293	120.00-230.00	125-130	130.51
BREAST - LINE RUN	88	82.00-96.00	84-87	85.40
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	76	28.00-50.00	30-33	31.53
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	509	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.54
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,148	24.00-32.00	26-28	26.75
WINGS (WHOLE)	302	92.00-110.00	94-96	97.12
WINGS (CUT)	370	113.00-119.00	114-117	116.74
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR OCT 04, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
36.00 - 42.00	37.69	38.85

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF OCT 04-08-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	110.00 - 148.00	130.00 - 142.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	73.00 - 99.00	73.00 - 84.00
LEGS	37.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	23.00 - 37.00	27.00 - 30.00
DRUMSTICKS	28.00 - 39.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 41.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	79.00 - 113.00	102.00 - 105.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	97.25-101.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	100.75-104.75

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP
FROZEN DUCKS
FROZEN SQUABS 600

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 110
	ICE PACK 105-106
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-111
	DRY PACK 111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 91-93
	DRY PACK 93-95
DUCKS	175-188

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

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CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.25-18.50	20.00-22.00	1,008,000	528,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.17	20.67		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.75-20.00	17.00-19.00	2,108,000	988,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.74	18.13		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	17.50	280,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-OCT-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.25-15	10.25-12	11.17
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

OCTOBER 01, 2004

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.50	14.00-18.00	142,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.50	16.40		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.50-20.00	11.00-18.00	1,992,800	444,800
WTD AVERAGE	16.30	13.01		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were mixed but generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings from production areas. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-OCT-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.25-14.25	10-10.75	10.51

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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